Discussion of Recognition of Exemplary Programs
August 2014

Overview
This agenda item provides information for discussion regarding possible options for recognizing quality in educator preparation. The item addresses quality at both the institution and the program level.

Staff Recommendation
That the COA direct staff to produce and post a table annually that denotes accreditation outcomes with the possible designations of *Highest Performing*, *High Performing*, *Accredited with Stipulations*, *At Risk of Low Performing*, *Low Performing* and *Accreditation Denied.* The table would also list all institutions that have not yet hosted an initial site visit.

Background
As part of the ongoing discussion pertaining to strengthening and streamlining accreditation, including the need for transparency, the Commission and COA requested information regarding how exemplary programs might be recognized. The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has created a rubric that includes the designation of "Target" to recognize instances in which institutions have exceeded expectations and proposes the designation of a "gold" accreditation status, although limited information is yet available about this.

The current 7-year system, which includes a site visit during Year 6 is designed to be an objective review of the educator preparation programs within an institution undertaken mostly by BIR-trained reviewers with assistance from Commission staff and grounded in the Commission adopted standards for educator preparation. The Board of Institutional Reviewers (BIR) is comprised of peers from all stakeholder groups interested in accreditation activities. The reviewers are trained to determine whether a standard is preliminarily aligned during Program Assessment and to determine whether a standard is met during the site visit. Specifically, the site visit team is looking for evidence that an institution and its programs address all parts of the standard.

The accreditation process is designed to be transparent for both the institution and the public. The institution is fully aware of the requirements (Standards and Preconditions) and the reporting expectations (Biennial Reports, Program Assessment, and documentation requested as part of the site visit). Expectations are clearly delineated in the *Accreditation Handbook* http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accred-handbook.html. Institutions are also provided technical assistance through access to staff assigned to each accreditation cohort. The public has access to accreditation decisions through multiple sources. The COA Annual Report is posted on the Commission website, as are the Accreditation Reports for each institution. https://info.ctc.ca.gov/fmi/xsl/accreditation/accreditation_reports.html

Quality at the Institutional Level
The current system determines accreditation decisions at the institutional level, with approximately one-seventh of the institutions are being reviewed each year. The site visit team determines at the unit level, whether each Common Standard is met, met with concerns, or not

met. Team members also review programs using a program sampling method to determine whether program standards are met. Findings on standards are both objective and reliable. The findings of those site visit team, as well as the COA accreditation decision, could be used to designate quality rankings focusing on institutions for public information such as:

- *Highest Performing-* met <u>all</u> Commission Standards at site visit—Common and Program; COA decision of ***Accreditation***

- *High Performing* – met almost all Commission Standards at site visit; COA decision of ***Accreditation***

- *Adequate* – Several Commission Standards were met with concerns or not met or; COA decision of ***Accredited with Stipulations***

- *At Risk of Low Performing-*significant Commission Standards were not met; COA decision of ***Accreditation with Major Stipulations***

- *Low Performing-* major concerns with Commission Standards surfaced during visit; COA decision of ***Accreditation with Probationary Stipulation***

- *Accreditation Denied—*Institution must close and no longer prepare educators

Information regarding institutions that had not yet hosted an initial site visit would also be provided. A list of the quality rankings of institutions as a result of accreditation site visits through 2013-14 is provided in the appendix.

This information is currently available and can be produced with minimal additional workload for staff.

<u>Reporting Format</u>
The attached tables (see appendix) is organized into two groups: Institutions that sponsor initial education preparation programs (and in some cases other programs) and institutions that sponsor only second tier educator preparation programs. The COA may want to consider whether this is a useful organizer for reporting determinations of institutional quality.

It is anticipated that this report would be provided in the COA Annual Report as well as being posted on the Commission website annually.

Questions that the COA may want to consider:

- What is the purpose of designating exemplary institutions? Does the ability to replicate success factor into the determination of quality?

- Does the criteria (standards met) adequately determine quality at the institutional level? Are there are factors that should be considered?

- Are the suggested labels appropriate and fair?

- Does an institution remain in the ranking determined during the site visit year for the full accreditation cycle or can it change when stipulations are removed?

Quality at the Program Level
Commissioners have expressed an interest in exploring how exemplary programs might be identified within specific programs. COA may want to discuss how this could occur.

Next Steps
Based upon the COA's discussion, staff will prepare future agenda items or undertake additional work on this topic.

Institutional Efficacy- Institutions that Sponsor Initial Educator Preparation
Based on the most recent Accreditation Site Visit

Accredited-*Highest Performing Institutions*
Met all Commission Standards at the site visit—Common and Program (year of site visit)

CSU Fresno (2014)
CSU Northridge (2009)
Cal State TEACH (2011)
San Diego State University (2009)
Sonoma State University (2012)
Loyola Marymount University (2010)
Mount Saint Mary's (2002)

Santa Barbara CEO (2011)
Stanford University (2008)
Stanislaus COE (2010)
University of California, Riverside (2008)
University of California, Santa Barbara (2011)
University of California, Santa Cruz (2012)

Accredited Institutions-*High Performing Institutions*
Met almost all Commission Standards at the site visit (year of site visit)

CSU Bakersfield (2008)
CSU Channel Islands (2009)
CSU Long Beach (2007)
CSU Fullerton (2007)
CSU San Bernardino (2009)
CSU San Marcos (2007)
Humboldt State University (2002)
Azusa Pacific University (2007)
Biola University (2010)
California Baptist University (2011)
Chapman University (2011)
Concordia University Irvine (2012)
Dominican University (2008)
Hope International University (2014)
Loma Linda University (2008)

Los Angeles USD (2012)
Pt Loma Nazarene (2012)
San Joaquin COE (2002)
St. Mary's College (2011)
Touro University (2010)
University of LaVerne (2011)
University of San Diego (2011)
University of San Francisco (2002)
University of the Pacific (2011)
Westmont College (2009)
University of California, Berkeley (2012)
University of California, Davis (2014)
University of California, Irvine (2014)
University of California, San Diego (2014)

Accredited with Stipulations

Bay Area School of Enterprise/
Reach Institute (2012)*
Cal Poly SLO (2011)*
Cal Poly Pomona (2002)*
CSU Chico (2007)*
CSU Dominguez Hills (2011)*
CSU East Bay (2009)*

CSU Sacramento (2011)*
CSU Stanislaus (2010)*
San Jose State University (2011)*
Bard College (2012)*
Claremont Graduate University (2014)
Fresno Pacific University (2010)*

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Accredited with Stipulations *(continued)*

High Tech High (2009)*
Holy Names University (2008)*
La Sierra University (2014)
Mills College (2009)*
Mt. Diablo/Fortune School (2008)*
National University (2014)
Notre Dame de Namur University (2009)*
Pacific Oaks College (2001)*
Pacific Union College (2012)*
Patten University (2009)*

Pepperdine University (2012)*
Phillips Graduate Institute (2008)*
San Diego COE (2009)*
Simpson University (2009)*
The Master's College (2011)*
University of Phoenix (2011)*
Vanguard University (2008)*
Western Governors University (2009)*
Whittier College (2010)*
University of California, Los Angeles (2012)*

Accredited with Major Stipulations-*At Risk of Low-Performing Institutions*

CSU Monterey Bay (2014)
Hebrew Union College (2014)
National Hispanic University (2010)*
San Diego Christian College (2010)*

Santa Clara University (2010)*
University of Redlands (2002)*
William Jessup University (2010)*

Accredited with Probationary Stipulations-*Low Performing Institutions*

Alliant International University (2008)*
Argosy University (2008)*

Occidental College (2011)-institution withdrew
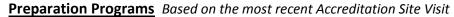all educator preparation programs in 2012

Not yet hosted an Initial Accreditation Site Visit *(year of planned initial site visit)*

Academy of Art University (2016-17)
Brandman University (2014-15)
Fielding Graduate University (2014-15)
Humphreys College (2016-17)
Madera COE (2016-17)
Orange County Dept. of Education (2014-15)
Sacramento COE (2014-15)

Santa Clara COE (2014-15)
Teachers College of San Joaquin (2014-15)
United States University (2015-16)
Ventura COE (2014-15)

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Accredited-*<u>Highest Performing</u> Local Education Agencies*
Met <u>all</u> Commission Standards at site visit—Common and Program (year of site visit)

Alhambra USD (2011)	Milpitas USD (2011)
Anaheim Union HSD (2011)	Modesto City Schools (2011)
Antelope Valley Union HSD (2014)	Murrieta Valley USD (2014)
Arcadia USD (2012)	New Haven USD (2014)
Aspire Public Schools (2011)	Orange USD (2012)
ACSA (2011)	Palo Alto USD (2014)
Azusa USD (2011)	Paramount Union SD (2011)
Campbell Union School District (2012)	Pleasanton USD (2012)
Chula Vista ESD (2012)	Poway USD (2012)
Conejo Valley USD (2011)	Redwood City USD (2012)
Culver City USD (2012)	Sacramento City USD (2014)
Davis Joint USD (2012)	San Marcos USD (2011)
Fontana USD (2011)	Sanger USD (2014)
Fremont USD (2011)	Santa Rosa City Schools (2011)
Hanford ESD (2012)	SIA Tech (2011)
Imperial COE (2014)	Selma USD (2014)
Kern COE (2014)	Sequoia Union HSD (2014)
Manteca USD (2012)	Tulare City SD (2012)
Marin COE (2012)	West Contra Costa USD (2011)
Merced Union HSD (2011)	Wm. S. Hart Union HSD (2014)

Accredited Institutions-*<u>High Performing</u> Local Education Agencies*
Met most Commission Standards at the site visit (year of site visit)

Burbank USD (2012)	Oakland USD (2012)
Butte COE (2011)	Palos Verdes Peninsula USD (2014)
Compton USD (2014)	Placer COE (2012)
Contra Costa COE (2012)	Riverside COE (2012)
El Dorado USD (2014)	San Francisco USD (2014)
El Rancho USD (2011)	Sutter County SOS (2012)
Hayward USD (2011)	Washington USD (2014)
Los Angeles COE (2009)	

Accredited with Stipulations

Fresno COE (2009)*	San Diego USD (2009)*
Los Banos USD (2014)	Temple City USD (2012)
Ontario-Montclair SD (2000)*	

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Accredited with Major Stipulations-*<u>At Risk of Low Performing</u> Local Education Agencies* (year of site visit)

Rialto USD (2011)*

Accredited with Probationary Stipulations-<u>Low Performing</u> *Local Education Agencies* (year of site visit)

Kings COE (2011)*

Denial of Accreditation-<u>Institution Closed</u>   (year of site visit)

Envision Schools (2014)

Not yet hosted an Initial Accreditation Site Visit (year of planned initial site visit)

Anaheim City SD (2017-18)	Keppel Union SD *(inactive)*
Animo Leadership/Green Dot (2014-15)	Kern HSD (2015-16)
Antioch USD (2016-17)	King Chavez Academy of Excellence *(inactive)*
Bakersfield City SD (2016-17)	La Habra City SD
Baldwin Park USD (2014-15)	La Mesa- Spring Valley SD (2016-17)
Bellflower USD (2015-16)	Lancaster SD (2014-15)
Brentwood Union SD (2014-15)	Lawndale ESD (2015-16)
Cajon Valley Union SD *(inactive)*	Lodi USD (2017-18)
Calif. School for the Deaf, Fremont (2015-16)	Long Beach USD (2015-16)
Capistrano USD (2017-18)	Madera USD (2014-15)
Castaic Union SD (2016-17)	Magnolia Public School: Pacific Technology School –
Central USD (2014-15)	Orange County (2015-16)
Chaffey Joint Union SD (2015-16)	Merced COE (2016-17)
Chino Valley USD (2017-18)	Metropolitan Education District (2014-15)
Clovis USD (2017-18)	Montebello USD (2016-17)
Corona-Norco USD (2015-16)	Monterey COE (Fall 2015)
Cupertino Union SD (Fall 2014)	Napa COE (2017-18)
Elk Grove USD (2015-16)	Newark USD (2016-17)
Encinitas Union SD (2015-16)	Oak Grove SD (2015-16)
Escondido Union HSD *(inactive)*	Ocean View SD (Fall 2015)
Escondido Union SD (2015-16)	Palmdale SD (2015-16)
Etiwanda SD (2017-18)	Panama-Buena Vista Union SD (2017-18)
Evergreen SD (2016-17)	Pasadena USD (2014-15)
Fairfield-Suisun USD (2016-17)	Placentia-Yorba Linda USD (2014-15)
Fresno USD (2015-16)	Pomona USD (2017-18)
Fullerton SD (Fall 2015)	PUC Schools (2015-16)
Garden Grove USD (2016-17)	Riverside USD (2017-18)
Glendale USD (2015-16)	Rowland USD (2017-18)
Greenfield Union SD (2015-16)	Saddleback Valley USD (2017-18)
Grossmont Union HSD (2015-16)	San Bernardino City USD (2016-17)
Hacienda- La Puente USD (2016-17)	San Dieguito Union HSD (2014-15)
Irvine USD (will go to the COA Aug 2014)	San Gabriel USD (2017-18)

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San Jose USD (2014-15)
San Juan USD (2016-17)
San Luis Obispo COE (2015-16)
San Mateo-Foster City SD (2016-17)
San Mateo COE (2015-16)
San Ramon Valley USD (2014-15)
Santa Ana USD (2016-17)
Santa Clara USD (2017-18)
Santa Cruz COE (2017-18)
Santa Monica-Malibu USD (2014-15)
Saugus Union SD (2016-17)
Sonoma COE (2017-18)
Stockton USD (2014-15)

Sweetwater Union HSD (2017-18)
Tehama County Dept. of Education (2015-16)
Torrance USD (2015-16)
Tracy USD (2014-15)
Tulare COE (2015-16)
Tustin USD (2015-16)
Vallejo City USD (2015-16)
Visalia USD (2014-15)
Vista USD (2014-15)
Walnut Valley USD (2017-18)
West Covina USD (2014-15)
Westside Union (2014-15)
Wiseburn SD (2015-16)

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